

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements, March 19, 2015

Events

Early Bird Registration for Efficiency Exchange 2015 is Closing Soon!

You only have 8 days left to sign up for Efficiency Exchange at the early bird rate of \$195. On March 28, registration for utility staff goes up to \$245. [Take a look at the agenda](#) and see why this is one event you won't want to miss.

As you are registering, remember to [sign up for one of the group tours](#) we are hosting on April 23. There are a number of options, including a tour of the Widmer Brother's energy-efficient brewery and a lunch and learn meeting with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. These tours are a unique chance to experience an on-the-ground perspective of how our efficiency efforts impact the region, but space is limited.

If you're planning on attending the conference, we recommend you act quickly on your hotel reservations to [take advantage of our room blocks](#). The Courtyard Marriott room block will expire on Thursday, March 19 and Doubletree by Hilton will expire Monday, March 30.

Brownbag: Upcoming Residential Weatherization Measure Changes -

Join BPA's Residential Program team on Thurs., March 26 at 12:00 p.m. PST for an informative Brownbag discussion on the upcoming changes to the Weatherization measures...[More](#)

Brown Bag: April 1 Implementation Manual Updates -

The April 1 2015 Implementation Manual features a number of important programmatic updates. This Brown Bag will be held on April 1 at 12:00 p.m. and will provide detail on the forthcoming changes and offer an opportunity for customers to ask questions of BPA's programs staff...[More](#)

Low Income Energy Efficiency Workgroup Meeting - Save the Date - April 20

BPA invites its public power customers and regional stakeholders to participate in the Low Income Energy Efficiency workgroup. This is the third meeting. To add this to your calendar, click [here](#).

You can find more information about the Low Income Efficiency workgroup [here](#).



General

Unassigned Account Allocations -

On Feb 26 BPA notified customers of an Unassigned Account distribution of approximately \$4.95 million. As of the March 12 deadline, BPA received 64 requests. Initial TOCA based allocations, inclusive of any conditional maximum amounts indicated, are listed [here](#).

Conservation Billing Credits Deadline Extended -

During BPA's Energy Efficiency Post-2011 Review, customers expressed an interest in pursuing conservation activities that do not depend on funding through the Energy Efficiency Incentive. In response, BPA plans to offer conservation billing credits during the 2016 – 2017 Rate Period. Customers interested in Conservation Billing Credits should contact their EER soon. Contracts must be signed by May 29. More information [here](#).

Pacific Northwest Smart Grid Demonstration Project Regional Symposium -

The Pacific Northwest Smart Grid Demonstration Project is nearing completion after five years. Through the efforts of Battelle, the Bonneville Power Administration, eleven utilities from the five-state region, six project-level technology providers, Washington State University and the University of Washington, the project has demonstrated and assessed the performance and benefits of advanced smart grid technology.

On Wednesday, April 1, 2015 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. the project will hold a regional symposium to share high-level results with stakeholders, recognize accomplishments, and discuss the future of smart grid technology in the region. Regional stakeholders are invited to attend. Reception and dinner to follow.

Information on registration and cost can be found [here](#).

More information on the Pacific Northwest Smart Grid Demonstration Project is available in the [Smart Grid Success Stories](#) Compilation.

Program Updates

AirGenerate Heat Pump Water Heaters Will Not Be Re-listed April 1, 2015 -

As a result of ongoing mechanical issues, BPA will not be re-listing AirGenerate and Electrolux HPWH in the version of the BPA Implementation Manual to be released on April 1, 2015, and BPA will no longer provide incentives for the AirGenerate and Electrolux models beginning April 1, 2015. BPA is currently working with NEEA to incorporate product quality and reliability into the Northern Climate Specification Qualified Product List to minimize such issues in the future.

The Heat Pump Water Heater Workgroup at NEEA is monitoring the situation closely, and will develop a plan to address ramifications to installers and end users. In the meantime, if customers uncover new performance issues with these products, please report them to the workgroup by contacting David Murphy at BPA (demurphy@bpa.gov) and Jill Reynolds at NEEA (jreynolds@neea.org)...[More](#)

Residential Weatherization Measure Changes to be Effective Oct. 1, 2015 -

The April 2015 Implementation Manual will include a notice of changes to Residential Weatherization Measures to be effective October 1, 2015, resulting from updated analysis from the Regional Technical Forum...[More](#)